

REMARKS

The specification has been rewritten to improve the form thereof.

Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the application. These claims have been cancelled. New claims 10-30 are presented for consideration.

The rejections under 35 USC §§112 and 102 are not believed applicable to the claims as now submitted.

Consideration of new claims 10-30 and allowance of the case are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Henderson for the courtesies extended him during several telephonic interviews that took place during the week of February 7. During those interviews, an amended claim, similar to claim 10 as now presented, was discussed. The Examiner cited additional prior art for consideration by the Applicant, specifically French Patent No. 2689816 (Lecroart) and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2004/0056474A1, to Alon.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as now presented, patentably distinguish from the prior art of record, as well as Lecroart and Alon.

Claim 10 requires, among other limitations, that the graphic material be provided on the front surface of the second sheet and the back surface of the sheet that directly overlies the second sheet to be viewable together with the book configured to expose the front surface of the second sheet.

Lecroart shows graphic material on only corresponding front surfaces. Lecroart is concerned with flipping pages to create a "moving image", which would be practically achievable only by having the graphic material on only the front surfaces, as shown.

Alon's structure is designed for a purpose completely different than that of the present invention. Alon places alternating tabs on a bound work which facilitate "turning pages in a stack of documents, one by one, without accidentally missing a page" (page 1, ¶[0001]). Alon does not discuss inclusion of graphic material on a corresponding front surface of a second sheet and a back surface of a sheet directly overlying that second sheet, or the ability to skip multiple pages, as more clearly set out in claim 23, which depends from claim 10.

Claims 11-22 depend cognately from claim 10 and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over the cited art. For example, claim 15 recites a specific relationship of images/elements that are exposed, depending upon the manner in which the work is "flipped". The prior art is silent in this respect.

Claims 16-19 relate to specific configurations of opposite peripheral edge portions that are engaged to manipulate the sheets in the book notebook. For example, claim 19 recites the two straight edge parts on the opposite peripheral edge portion as extending in straight lines at slight angles with respect to a third reference line that is parallel to the bound and opposite peripheral edge portions. Accordingly, the book can incorporate the controlled sheet turning capability while maintaining the appearance of a conventional book. On the other hand, the cutouts in, for example, Alon and Lecroart, are very dominant, thereby potentially detracting from a desired conventional book appearance.

Independent claim 24 likewise includes limitations to the straight edge parts that do not have a counterpart, nor are they suggested, in the prior art.

Claims 25-28 depend from claim 24 and include additional significant limitations to further distinguish over the prior art.

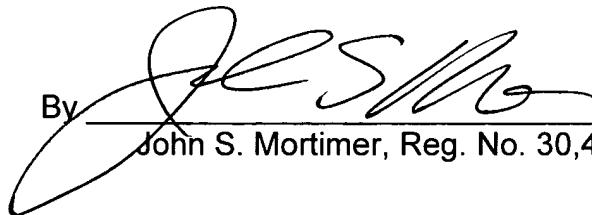
Claim 29 characterizes the front surface on the first and second sheets as comprising lines of notebook sheets. First and second graphic images/elements are strategically placed as set out in the last limitation in this claim. The art cited by the Examiner is devoid of a corresponding structure, or one that would make the structure in claim 29 obvious.

Claim 30 depends from claim 29, and among other limitations, brings in the concept of the cutouts which create a subtle change in the appearance of the book while incorporating the controlled page skipping capability.

Consideration of new claims 10-30 and allowance of the case are requested.

We enclose the extra claim fee of \$25.00. Should additional fees be required in connection with this matter, please charge our deposit account No. 23-0785.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Figs. 2 and 4 have been amended, as shown in red on the attached copies of the Figures, to add reference lines and angles to clarify the relationship of described and claimed elements. Replacement pages incorporating these changes are also submitted herewith.

No new matter has been introduced. Approval of the drawing changes is requested.



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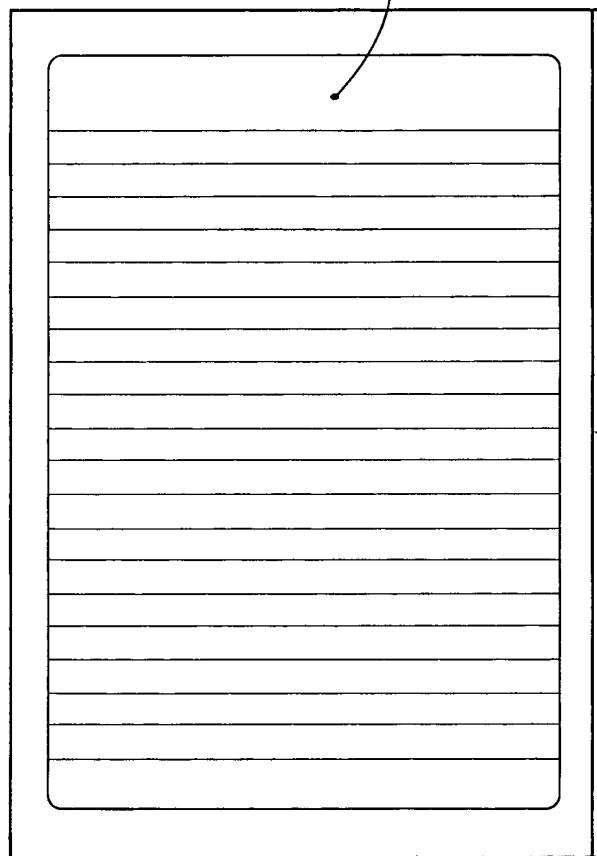
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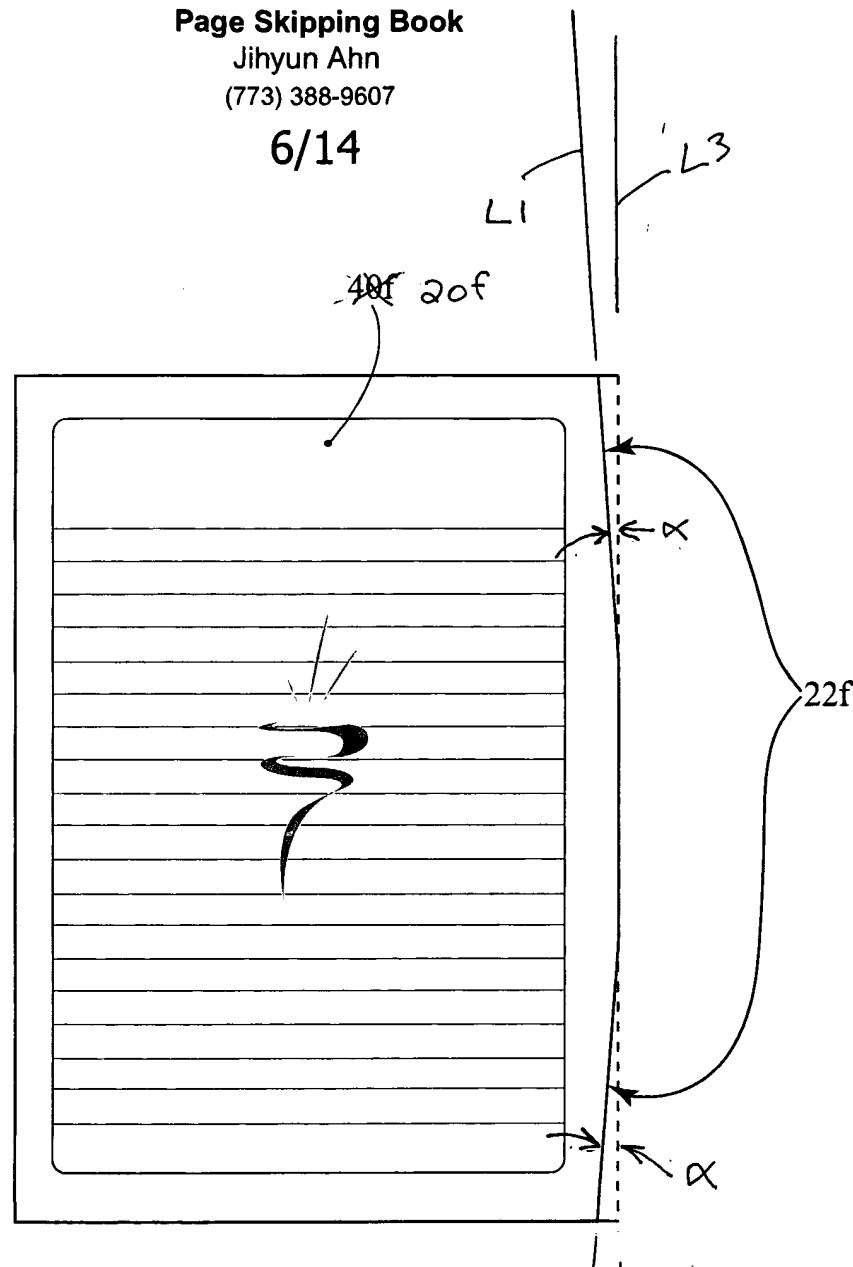


FIG. 4